

**2010 LAKE COUNTY FAIR COOK-OFF SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All contestants are equal. There is no distinction between Professional and Amateur.
2. Each contestant must pay a \$25.00 entry fee. You may enter as many categories as available for that one entry fee. Contestants can be any age, BUT if you are under the age of 18, you must have a parent or legal guardian present at all times during the contest. **ENTRY FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE. COOK-OFF WILL RUN RAIN OR SHINE.** Limited space available.
3. You will enter GATE # 1 (Main Gate) located at Greenwood and Court Streets. The designated area for the cook-off is on the east side of the fairgrounds, east of the Grange Cafeteria by the Lions Club Shelter. **PLEASE ALLOW ENOUGH TIME!** You must first sign in at the registration table, then set up your area and be ready by 8:00 A.M. for inspection. No cooking of any kind will be allowed until the Inspector has completed the inspection and has started the competition. Nothing may leave the site after it has been inspected until the close of the contest.
4. Contestants must provide all needed equipment and supplies. **MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL YOUR FOOD AND SUPPLIES WITH YOU.** Anyone leaving the grounds and returning will be charged gate admission and parking fees. Contestants must adhere to fire and health codes whether city, county, state or federal.
5. Each contestant will be assigned a 10' x 15' area in which they can setup. All equipment must fit into this area. **NO COOKING OF ANY KIND-PREP WORK ONLY-ALLOWED UNDER TENTS, CANOPIES, ETC.** There will be a pavilion available in case of inclement weather.
6. Fires must be of wood, wood pellets, or charcoal. No electric or gas grills permitted. Any barbecue that has a gas burner accessory inside the pit must have the gas hoses disconnected while the meat is on the pit. Gas may only be used to start the fire. After fire has been established, the hoses must be disconnected. Propane is permitted as a fire starter only. Electric accessories such as spits or forced draft are permitted.
7. It is the responsibility of the contestant to see that the contest area is kept clean and polices the contest. All fires must be put out, pits filled and all equipment must be removed from site. It is imperative that clean up be thorough. Any space left is disarray or with loose trash, may disqualify you from future participation.
8. Competition meats and poultry **MUST** be inspected by the **OFFICIAL MEAT INSPECTOR** on duty at the contest during the time set by the contest organizer, but not prior to the date of judging. The following conditions must be met:
  - A. All meats and poultry must be in separate containers, **ON ICE** when brought in, before being cooked. Holding temperature must be 40 degrees or less.
  - B. After cooking, meat/poultry must be maintained at 140 degrees or above in a covered container.

9. CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

- A. Alcoholic beverages
- B. Use of controlled substances
- C. Foul, abusive or unacceptable language
- D. Use of gas while cooking
- E. Excessive or continued complaints from contestants about any of the rules stated here. The Fair Cook-Off Representative shall consider infractions of the rules grounds for immediate disqualification from the contest.
- F. Carrying of firearms.

10. The categories are: Chicken, Ribs, Baked Beans, Hamburger, Chili and Grilled Vegetables. A description of each follows. You must adhere to the description for each, otherwise risk disqualification.

11. No food may be served, or eaten by anyone other than the judges and contestants.

12. Each contestant will receive a Lake County Fair Cook-Off souvenir. In each category, trophies and prizes will be awarded at 5:00 p.m. in the Radio One Showcase Tent.

CHICKEN - may include cornish hen. Must be raw and unseasoned for inspection. Can be whole, or cut up pieces. Minimum 6 pieces required for judging.

RIBS - may be either beef or pork. Country style ribs are acceptable. Ribs must be raw and unseasoned for inspection. Minimum 6 pieces required for judging.

HAMBURGERS - may be pork, beef, chicken or lamb. Must be raw and unseasoned for inspection. Must have enough for 6 judges to taste.

BAKED BEANS - may be soaked prior to inspection. Any type of bean or combination of, is acceptable. Any added ingredients in sauce, or any type of sauce is allowed. Minimum 6 cups required for judging.

CHILI - may contain any type of meat, have any type of sauce with any type of ingredients in. With or without beans. Minimum 6 cups required for judging.

GRILLED VEGETABLES – may use any kind. Must be raw and unseasoned for inspection. Must be enough for 6 judges to taste, with all vegetables used for each judge's tasting.



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ENTRY FORM**

ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 4, 2010

Limited space available. Entries will be accepted on first come basis.

Contestants may enter as many categories as they wish for \$25.00 entry fee from the following:

(CIRCLE ALL CATAGORIES YOU ARE ENTERING)

CHICKEN

RIBS

BAKED BEANS

HAMBURGER

CHILI

GRILLED VEGETABLES

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone  
Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with your check for \$25.00 entry fee to:  
LAKE COUNTY FAIR, P.O. BOX 327, CROWN POINT, IN 46308

Or you may bring this form with your \$25.00 entry fee to the Secretary's Office, located on the fairgrounds during regular business hours. If bringing into the office in person, you may also pay by cash or credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover ONLY).

PLEASE READ-ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE  
The Lake County Fair will take every precaution to properly protect the contestant and their belongings. However, we will not be liable for the safety of contestants, their belongings, employees or families. Nor will we be liable for losses or damages sustained due to vandalism, theft, weather, fire, accidents, or any other cause. Contestants wishing to insure themselves or their belongings, may do so at their own expense.

I have read and agree to the above statement:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contestant

For Office Use Only:

Date Entry Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: \_\_\_\_\_